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 BINDING PAIRS

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 14, 2007
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sirs:

This paper is filed in response to the final office action mailed December 14, 2007 in which the claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, second paragraph; 102(b) and 103(a). This paper accompanies a request for continued examination. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

“Amendments to the Claims” begin at page 2 of his paper. Preliminary Remarks/Interview Summary begin on page 4. “Patentability Arguments” begin at page 4 of this paper.

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